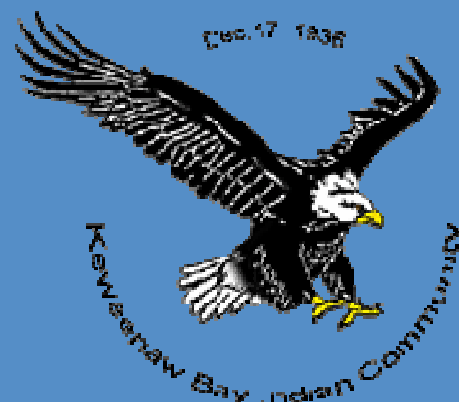


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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HONORED



Left to right, (front row) — Charlotte Loonsfoot, Cheyenne Crebessa, Clarissa Duschaine, Olivia Rajacic, Courtney Swartz, Jessica Picard, (middle row) — Travis Rajacic, George Gauthier, Christopher Loonsfoot, Alexander Tilson, Stacey Rolof, (back row) — Mitchell Durant, Joseph Jossens, Jaren Forcia, Zachary Gougeon. Missing from photo — Sheena Friisvall, Tom Paquin, and Loryssa Wiideman.

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Education Committee held their Annual Senior Banquet on Friday, May 30, 2008, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall. This year eighteen KBIC students were honored for earning their high school diplomas. Terri Denomie hosted the evening event with the assistance of Lynn Haataja (opening prayer), Robin Roe (introduction of the guest speaker), Vicki Emery and Dawn Alexander (presentation of certificates). President Warren C. Swartz Jr. gave the Council address and presented the graduates with a gift on behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Charles Loonsfoot Jr. and William Seppanen Sr. presented the graduates with gifts on behalf of the KBIC Educational Committee. Ronald Spruce, Vice President of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, presented the graduates with a gift on behalf of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. Cody Blue, Diane Charron and Toni Minton presented the graduates with gifts on behalf of the KBIC Cultural Committee.

Christopher Gerard, (shown below), KBIC Weed and Seed Coordinator, was the guest speaker at the evening event. Gerard spoke to the new graduates, "Obtaining your high school diploma is the first step in the beginning of the new life ahead of you. You all have worked extremely hard to get to this point and now you get the opportunity to start fresh in what I call the 'Game' of life. I refer to life as a 'game' because it really is. There are a lot of ups and downs, and at times it's going to feel like a roller coaster ride. During the next few years and for the rest of your life for that matter, you are going to experience some tough and challenging times. It's important that you have goals and work as hard as you can to reach those goals. To this point, most of you have had someone looking over you to guide you in the right direction, make sure you had the things that you've

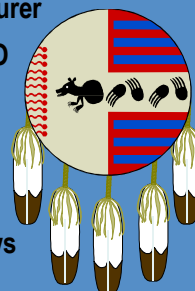


needed and also be your financial support. Some of you will continue your education by attending college, some of you will join the military and some of you will jump right into the 'real world' and join the workforce. No matter

which path you take, someone will more than likely be there to continue to make sure you have the things you need; however, that is not going to last forever, eventually it is going to be up to you. This is why the choices and decisions that you make today and in the next few years will impact you for the rest of your life. No matter what path you decide to take, make sure that in the end, you do something that you will enjoy. There are many opportunities out there, and I guarantee you; there is something for each and every one of you. Sometimes finding the right fit for you can be challenging. That is why you need to keep an open mind and keep an open eye on the 'big picture.' By that I mean don't make decisions that will be good today, but not tomorrow. Don't jump into things without thinking about how the decisions you make today may affect you in five to ten years down the road. You are going to cross paths with many people throughout the rest of your life. Some of them you will see once and never again, and some of them you will see over and over. Remember that the first impression that you make on someone may be the only opportunity you will ever have. I have met a lot of people in my life and have come to the realization that the world is actually a pretty small place. I cannot begin to tell you how many times I have run into someone I met before, no matter if it was through athletics, my college days or my law enforcement career. That new person that you meet tomorrow may just be the same person sitting across from you during that interview for your first job, two, three or four years down the road. You are about to begin your new life at a tough time. During a tough economy where there are not as many job opportunities as there were when I was sitting in your position. The job market is extremely competitive and for those of you that aren't already employed, it is going to be a challenge. This doesn't mean you should give up, it just means you may have to work a little harder. Don't ever give up! Think about what kinds of career opportunities that interest you, research those opportunities and find something to talk to about them. Remember to keep an open mind and don't be afraid to try new things." Chris Gerard, a KBIC member, was born and raised in Baraga County and graduated from Baraga High School in 1996. He attended Lake Superior State University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement. Gerard was involved with athletics in high school and was a student

### Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz Jr., President  
 Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President  
 Toni Minton, Secretary  
 William E. Emery, Asst. Secretary  
 Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer  
 Larry J. Denomie III, CEO  
 Doreen Blaker  
 Elizabeth D. Mayo  
 Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.  
 Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews  
 Jerry Lee Curtis  
 Frederick Dakota



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **June 7, 2008, Tribal Council meeting**
- **Senior Banquet, KBIC Graduates**
- **Dakota New Dean of Students Services—KBOCC**
- **Ojibwa Housing Authority News**
- **KBIC Participates in Economic Development Assessment and Market Analysis**
- **New Employees**
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President Warren (Chris) Swartz Jr., as he presented the Council address at the Senior Banquet.

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## June 7, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on June 7, 2008, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Resort Motel in Baraga, Michigan. Warren C. Swartz Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFerner, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Fred Dakota present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Council approved the Department Head reports for April 2008 and meeting minutes of October 27, 2005, and November 4, 2005.

Doreen Blaker addressed those present to clarify some incorrect information that was recently mailed to individual's homes in the form of an unsigned anonymous document that is not affiliated with the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Government by any means. This document criticized the Tribal Council Recording Secretary, Peggy Minton, indicating that her work on minutes was lax. The truth is that Peggy does a wonderful job on her minutes which are completed in a very timely fashion (within weeks). The minutes that have been approved from 2005 are minutes which were the responsibility of an employee that is no longer employed by KBIC. The CEO's Secretary, Janice Halverson, has volunteered to work on the 2005 minutes. Janice was not even employed when these meetings were held, and she is doing a good job transcribing them. If these people, who choose not to sign their mailings, choose to attack the Council that is one thing, but they should leave our employees out of it. Additionally, those anonymous mailings aren't getting the facts right and (the writer's) must be listening to individuals who do not know what they are talking about and evidently don't attend the meetings. Please do not listen to these blatant lies.

Michael LaFerner Sr. wished to thank the community members who cleaned up the reservation, including the youth club and community service workers. The Assinins and Pinery Cemeteries looked very nice for Memorial Day.

Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave the President's report. During the month of May, President Swartz participated in several meetings and conference calls regarding hunting and fishing rights, Bills on Capitol Hill, how to maximize the native vote in the upcoming election, Tribal ID Cards, land and natural resources, and tribal education. Regarding hunting and fishing rights, President Swartz attended a VOIGT task force and a Board of Commissioners meeting with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission where he told both boards that we need to continue to move forward our law here in KB regarding home territory. The GLIFWC Board promised we would schedule a meeting to discuss home territory issues. Lake Superior Bands who are interested include Bad River, Mole Lake, Lac Du Flambeau and Lac Vieux Desert.

The purpose of the Tribal Government Revenue Sharing Act's bill is to use tribal tax withholding contributions paid to the federal government by successful gaming tribes to help meet the needs of needy tribes. Under the present law gaming per capita payments are treated as individual income and are taxed at the prevailing personal income tax rate. Tax revenues received by the IRS are then deposited into the U.S. Treasury for use by the United States Government. Many of the tribes that are the poorest are unfortunately not able to generate significant gaming revenue. It would further the purposes of the Federal Indian Self-determination Policy and IGRA to dedicate the federal tax revenues levied upon Indian gaming per capita payments to a treasury fund for tribal education, health care, economic development and infrastructure for the  
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tribal governments in need of assistance. The Tribal Government Revenue Sharing Act would authorize the Secretary of Interior to establish a system for distribution of funds from the tribal gaming revenue sharing fund.

Federal spending makes up the core of the federal trust responsibility to Indian Country and once again one of the goals for the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress is to increase appropriations to tribes. For more than a decade, federal spending for tribes has declined in most departments. The programs at the heart of the self-determination and self-governance policies, like TPA and contract support costs, have failed to keep up with inflation, and given some of the major reductions in the 90's, TPA is below the FY 1994 level. Although Congress may not finish appropriations this year, they are still laying out priorities. President Swartz urges Tribal members to voice support for increased appropriations to tribes, especially with the Chairs of Appropriations Commerce, Justice, Science Subcommittees (Rep. Mollohan and Senator Mikulski), Agriculture Subcommittees (Rep. DeLauro and Senator Kohl), Interior Subcommittees (Rep. Dicks and Senator Feinstein), Labor-HHS (Rep. Obey and Senator Harkin).

Regarding IRS Audits of Tribal Benefit Plans; over the past two years, the IRS has initiated 139 audits that focus specifically on the use of tribal net gaming revenues to provide benefits to tribal members. In a letter to the Senate Finance Committee, the IRS has identified tribal benefit programs as "problematic tax avoidance schemes." Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, gaming proceeds may be used for several authorized purposes, including the funding of tribal government operations, the general welfare of the tribe, and per capita payments to tribal members. The KBIC has a long history of sponsoring general welfare programs, such as housing assistance, educational assistance, health coverage and death benefit programs to name a few. These programs were introduced to address the harsh conditions resulting from decades of poverty and as general welfare programs should not be subject to federal tax.

Regarding the Tobacco Tax Legislation; there are several major bills under consideration in Congress that will significantly affect the taxation and regulation of tobacco sales. Each of the following bills is seeing significant movement in Congress. Each is intended to generally regulate tobacco sales and contain both specific tribal provisions and general provisions that will apply to tribes. President Swartz encourages tribal members and representatives to review this legislation and consider how it may affect tribal interests. 1) The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (S. 625 and H.R. 1108) would give the Food and Drug Administration broad authority to regulate the sale, advertising and manufacture of tobacco products and to enforce state taxation of tobacco under the Contraband Cigarette Trafficking Act. The legislation contemplates that the FDA may contract with states for enforcement. KBIC should request provisions that would protect tribal jurisdiction from federal delegation to states and object to a broad expansion of state enforcement powers. 2) The Smuggled Tobacco Prevention Act (H.R. 5689) would amend the Contraband Cigarette Trafficking Act to establish a system for requiring codes on packages of tobacco products for tracing tax collection through the distribution system. Manufacturers would be required to print a unique serial number on all packages of tobacco. The bill would also require "Each package of a tobacco product that is sold on an Indian Reservation...shall be visibly and prominently labeled as such." 3) Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act (S. 1027 and H.R. 4081) has been reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and is pending in the House Judiciary Committee. It is largely

aimed at requiring Internet sellers of cigarettes to comply with the state tax and age verification laws of the jurisdiction where the cigarettes are delivered.

President Swartz spoke of the Native Vote. It's that time again! 2008 is an election year, and together we need to make sure our voices are heard. When we unify, our voices are loud and strong. Native Vote 2008 is Indian Country's combined national non-partisan get-out-the-vote campaign. The goal of Native Vote is to encourage everyone in our community to register to vote and to get-out-to-vote on Election Day. To facilitate these efforts, President Swartz indicated that he has appointed Carole LaPointe as the Native Vote Coordinator for our Tribe. She will be the point of contact for the campaign and will help encourage local efforts to get the Native community registered to vote, educating them about all elections and candidates, and ensuring they make it to the polls on November 4, 2008.

In regards to Health Care & Family, the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act (IHCA) would modernize the Indian Health Services and has been up for reauthorization for seven years. The bill has provisions addressing mental health and continuum of care, and was developed by the National Steering committee with representation from each region. The passage of the IHCA is one of Indian Country's top legislative priorities. It must still be passed out of the Ways and Means committee. President Swartz has been sending out a letter weekly to Speaker Pelosi's office telling her how important this bill is to our Tribe.

Gaming: On May 20, 2008, the Department of the Interior released final "Section 20" rules governing gaming on "lands acquired after 1988." Assistant Secretary Carl Artman approved the regulations earlier last month. The Indian Gaming regulatory Act allows for gaming on lands acquired after 1988 under special exceptions, and the new rules clarify these exemptions.

Housing: As of May 23, 2008, NAHASDA has passed both the House and the Senate. The bills are slightly different and these differences will have to be reconciled in a "Conference" between the House and the Senate.

Tribal ID's and Domestic Flights (TSA): The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced on April 28th it will officially accept Tribal Government ID cards as identification for domestic flights. Tribal ID cards are not accepted for international flights. Use tribal ID cards with TSA when flying within the United States. Tribal IDs and Border Crossing: All Tribal ID cards (with a photo) will be accepted for international land border crossing until June 2009. After June 2009, each Tribe must have an MOU with DHS for their ID card to be acceptable for international land border crossing. President Swartz will be attending a Michigan United Tribes Meeting and plans on discussing this further at that meeting.

Mining: On behalf of the Community, President Swartz submitted an emergency resolution to the full Executive Committee of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) on June 2, 2008. NCAI Resolution # REN-08-036, "Support for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of its Opposition to the Proposed Sulfide Metallic Mineral Mine proposed by Kennecott Eagle Minerals company (KEMC), in the Traditional Lands of the Community which were Ceded to the Government through the Treaty of 1842", passed with unanimous consent at the 2008 NCAI Mid-Year Conference and Tradeshow.

President Swartz reported that we have just learned that former Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) employee Pat Devlin has filed a lawsuit against Attorney General Mike Cox seeking enforcement of state liquor licensing



laws against the tribes. President Swartz will report as more information comes in.

A discussion occurred regarding a problem which occurred last weekend. The Baraga Fire Department purchased a Liquor License for the Mud Drag which was held behind the Casino. Two distributors refused to supply the BFD with alcohol products and stated that they were told that KBIC's Liquor License was not valid. President Swartz was instructed to call these two suppliers to find out why they would not honor the KBIC Liquor License as they have in the past.

Susan LaFerner, Vice President, stated she has completed the final draft of the personnel policies, and it is with the Attorney's Office. Regarding the Appellate Court, Vice President LaFerner stated she has two Judges from other reservations who have accepted an offer of presiding on KBIC's Appellate Court. According to the Resolution, the third Judge needs to be a lawyer. She believes that she has one who will be accepting the offer and is expecting to hear from the lawyer in the next week. She will keep everyone informed.

Larry Denomie III, CEO, gave a report for May 2008. In an effort to step forward with the new wage system, the Council approved moving employees onto the new grid through grade six. Both the Enterprise and Government Personnel Departments are working on the necessary paperwork to complete the task. A memo to update employees will be processed in the next week. The grant application for the new Early Childhood Education Center is progressing. Staff has met several times to aid in developing a layout and design plan, and Gundlach Champion staff is providing assistance and will be completing the architectural design phase as well as construction management should the project be funded. Carole LaPointe has accepted the Health Administration position and began her duties on June 2nd. Also thank you to the staff who stepped forward in a time of need to aid in the interim plan. Cherie Dakota, the former Health Administrator, has accepted a position with KBOCC as their Dean of Student Services, and we wish her well in her new position. Tyler Larson has accepted an interim position as the Youth Programs and Facility Coordinator which Carole LaPointe previously held. This position has been posted. Applications have been submitted and will be reviewed with interviews to be scheduled. On May 10th, CEO Denomie and Treasurer Misegan traveled to Las Vegas to attend a conference on Tribal Casino and Hotel Development. The conference covered areas related to financing, design and construction. The information gathered and presented will be very useful and will aid in the projects the Community is involved in, and will be shared with Council and our new Economic Developer, Gregg Nominelli.

In an effort to continue forward with the Leadership Academy Training attended by supervisors and managers of the Tribe, meetings with the General Managers took place. A review was conducted of the presentations made by the attendees and the General Managers will meet with their staff to decide what areas can be acted upon. On the Government side, a department head meeting has been scheduled for June 25. The trainer, Joe Constance, will be meeting with Council in July to review information and provide a report. On May 19th, CEO Denomie attended an Indian Health Services consultation meeting with Becky Tussing (Interim Health Administrator at that time). The consultation was to acquire input from Tribes regarding a recent court decision in the State of California. The case held that IHS could not prohibit the Susanville Indian Rancheria Tribe from billing its members for pharmacy services provided by the Tribe's Title V Annual Funding Agreement. IHS has chosen not to appeal the district court decision but is evaluating potential policy and funding implications. The consultation was an oppor-

tunity to allow tribes to give comment prior to IHS making changes to current policy. IHS made it clear that their existing policy which prohibits tribes from charging eligible beneficiaries remains unchanged. The Indian Health Care Improvement Act reauthorization legislation S. 1200 recently passed by the Senate does not include provisions that would give Title V, Self-Governance Tribes, the option to bill their Tribal members for services received from their Tribal Health Program. The legislation is under consideration by the House, but it is not clear if the bill will be considered. Most of the tribes in attendance stated they wouldn't want to impede their ability to bill in the future if it becomes necessary, considering the constant under funding of their health programs. The Ojibwa Casino's Marketing Manager has submitted her resignation to move on to a new position with the State of Michigan. Michelle Schoth's last day will be June 13. General Managers have chosen Shelly Ball who currently works out of the Marquette Casino as the Interim Manager. The Ojibwa Resort Hotel Manager position is also under the interim direction of Sharon Kirchhofer. Mary Lou Jossens has accepted the position of Manager for the Tribe's new restaurant, the ***Migizi Wadiswan*** (Eagle's Nest). It is scheduled to open on June 16. A major power issue occurred on Thursday, June 5th. Due to the several power surges and brown out conditions, Dominic Picciano and his staff directed employees to shut down their power in an effort to lessen damages to computers, servers, and other equipment. After contacting the Village of Baraga to see how long it would take to rectify the electrical problems, it was decided to close many of the facilities which were affected by the power problems. The Casino remained open as they are able to run on a back up generator. Damage did occur to power relays, fuses, etc., and fortunately it appears no major damage resulted from the electrical problems of that day. Sarah Smith, Executive Assistant has reported to the Council (as an attachment to the CEO Report), on the Ojibwa Seniors renovation project. The seniors are back in operation, and the building is very nice. We all look forward to the open house. The Old US 41 Mission Road water main extension project is moving forward, and Council will be receiving documents to review in the near future.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report. During the month of May 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and four special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on May 3, 2008, and is reported in the June 2008, Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on May 8, 2008: approved the meeting minutes of March 14, 2008 and October 20, 2005; approved the Services Agreement with Orchid Cellmark for Paternity Testing Services for the Office of Child Support Services; approved Resolution KB1608-2008 Jerry Swartz Land Acquisition, Resolution KB1609-2008 Joyce Field Lease Modification from Recreational Lease to a Residential Lease, and Resolution KB1610-2008 Joe Kirkish Residential Lease; approved payment of HACCP Training in December in Brimley and that the Tribe will cover travel costs for Tribal members who wish to attend; agreed to send out a letter of no objection for the proposed water ski buoys that will be placed near First Sands; approved the bid of Midstate Security for digital surveillance equipment for both Casinos; approved the bid of All Purpose Dry Wall for the hotel lobby, hallway and conference room walls at the Ojibwa Resort; approved the agreement with Gundlach Champion for the ICDBG grant application for an Early Childhood Education Center; promoted Becky Tussing to Interim Health Director and approved the interim plan for staff and wages; approved the job description for a full time six month Temporary Health Department Secretary; and agreed to offer the Building Inspector

position to Joe Brazeau for a one year term. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on May 9, 2008: agreed to issue Government Employee Badges with a \$10 charge to be covered by the department that the employee works for; approved a donation of \$300 for Keith Rolof for his college trip to Estonia; approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with Chuck Brumleve; motioned to have the President appoint committee members based on Council recommendations; and approved the employment contract of John Baker. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on May 15, 2008: approved the meeting minutes of October 20, 2005; approved the Liquor Licenses for the Baraga Fire Department Mud Drags and the UP Firemen's Tournament; approved Resolution KB1611-2008 to support the Grand Traverse Band's challenge to the IRS for tribal tax exempt bond financing; agreed to have President Swartz send a letter to Bart Stupak requesting continued support of our land into trust application; set the date of the July 2008 Regular Council Meeting to July 12; approved the Services Agreement between the KBIC and the Ojibwa Community College to provide Business Development Training for the Anishinaabe Anokii Program; overturned the termination of the employee in Grievance Hearing #003-08 and agreed to reinstate the employee effective 05/15/08; and agreed to offer the Health Administrator Position to Carole LaPointe. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on May 28, 2008: approved the meeting minutes of March 20, and March 27, 2008; approved the Spring Cleanup Plan; approved a contract modification for the Sand Point Vegetation Planting Project in the amount of \$3313; approved the business license of David Denomie for Dash's Taxi; renewed the Keweenaw Bay Outfitters Fireworks License of Jerry Magnant and Kerry Varline; renewed the business license of Timothy Mayo for All Purpose Drywall; amended the Burial Program guidelines to allow unused funeral expense funds be used for grave markers/headstones; agreed to an \$800 sponsorship and Casino packages for the Michigan Municipal League Region 7 meeting which is being hosted by the Village of Baraga on June 4-6; hired Agnes Hueckstaedt as the Interim Cook for the Ojibwa Senior Citizens; added a safety section to the personnel policies; approved resolution KB1613-2008 Baraga 2% Distribution and KB1614-008 Marquette 2% Distribution; approved May donations totaling \$5900; approved a storage shed for the USDA Office in the Industrial Park to be designed and built by Tribal Construction for up to \$2000; approved the New Day budget for funds 600, 615 and 08-20-231; agreed to adjust employees up to grade 6 to the new minimum wage approved by Council on 12/06/07.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for May 2008. Council approved five of twelve requests for donations for May: Jessica Koski/Washington Internship for Native Students \$300, Relay for Life/Sponsorship for the team "Passionate about a Cure" \$5,000, Pittsley Racing/Stockcar Sponsorship/second car \$250, Lori & Bill Muhlig/Stockcar Sponsorship \$250, Richmond Township/20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby \$100. This month the first of two yearly 2% distributions were made to local units of government per our 1993 consent judgment. The amount distributed for our Baraga Casino was \$133,437.06 and the Marquette amount was \$171,423.24. The calculation is based on the net win of class III gaming or slot machines. The breakdown is as follows:

**BARAGA**  
Baraga County  
\$33,961.87  
Baraga School District  
\$40, 886.57  
Baraga Township  
\$13,680.82



Baraga Village	\$10,517.20
L'Anse School District	\$20,406.53
L'Anse Township	\$2,300.20
L'Anse Village	\$1,683.87
Baraga County Road Commission	\$10,000.00
<b>MARQUETTE</b>	
Charter Township of Chocolay	\$70,000.00
Delta Co. Sheriff/UPSET	\$10,000.00
West Branch Twp/Fitness & Community Center	\$20,000.00
Forsyth Township Police Department	\$26,000.00
Skandia Twp./UP Trails	\$10,000.00
Marquette Area Public Schools/Title VII Native American Education	\$6,050.00
City of Marquette/NMU Center for Native Amer. Studies	\$3,942.80
County of Marquette	\$25,430.44

Our 8% payments were also made this month which are pursuant to the 2000 Consent Judgment or stipulation that was entered into between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the State of Michigan in order to keep our Marquette Casino open. The Marquette amount was \$685,692.96. The amount for the Baraga Casino was \$533,748.27, however that amount was offset by \$36,789.72 for the vehicle use tax reimbursements. The amount that was sent to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation was \$496,958.55. Treasurer Misegan wished to thank Peggy Minton who assisted her while she was ill. Treasurer Misegan attended a conference call with our Economic Developer, Attorney John Baker, CEO Larry Denomie, and Asst. Secretary Gene Emery regarding a business proposal. Misegan also attended along with Larry Denomie the Tribal Casino & Hotel Development: Financing, Design and Construction Essentials conference which was held in Las Vegas on June 11-12. There were several excellent speakers and topics included: Understanding Feasibility Studies; Initial Design and the factors to consider; Breaking Ground to Ribbon Cutting, Knowing when and How to Expand as well as several others. Misegan stated, one of the most informative for her was "Financing Projects in a Tough Market: For New Construction, Expansion and Improvements." The panel of speakers included the General Counsel of the Navajo Nation, a Senior Vice President of Corporate Development for the Seneca Gaming Corporation, a Vice President of Wells Fargo Debt Capital Markets and a law partner in the firm Mayer Brown. A large part of the discussion was explaining how different it is to seek financing for large projects in today's economy. They touched on the need for Tribes to have a Uniform Commercial Code, how important it is for the Tribe's leadership to understand just what is going to be expected from them when they seek financing for large, multi-million dollar projects, how important it is to have stability in Tribal Government, the importance of having leaders and key employees who have clean backgrounds and to have a good relationship with the local & civic communities. They stressed how the cost of capital has increased in the last six-eight months and how much more cautious banks and lending institutions have become. We learned that depending on economic conditions, feasibility studies are only applicable for 12 to 18 months, how important it is to know what amenities will work for your community, and how important it is to make sure that your operating systems within

your organization are functioning well before moving them to a new facility. Another very good session was "Where is the Future of Native American Gaming Headed?" This panel consisted of two attorneys who represent Tribes in California who were very involved at the inception of Tribal Gaming, as well as Jason Giles, General Counsel for the National Indian Gaming Association. We learned of several threats to gaming - from the media to pending legislation. Giles spoke of which presidential candidates that NIGA believes would be best for Tribes. The panel was very optimistic about the future of gaming even in these trouble economic times. Treasurer Misegan and CEO Denomie met with a representative from a design build company for a potential business opportunity for the Tribe. Misegan provided Council with a copy "Ten questions Tribal Council should ask before borrowing money". She also e-mailed council members copies of the power point presentations from the conference. Misegan also gave Council of *Legislation at-a-glance* which contains information regarding several bills that are of financial interest to us and that we may be unaware of. The Tribal Government Equality Act of 2007(S.1129) which would allow Tribes to offer governmental retirement plans and the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act (H.R. 3413) which would exempt Tribes from being subject to the National Labor Relations Board. Treasurer Misegan concluded her report with a statement regarding the malicious edition of the Screaming Eagle or shall we say the Native Enquirer which has circulated the Community. "It is full of lies and fabrications. It is obviously written by people who don't attend meetings, who listen to rumors, who don't ask questions and don't want to see our Tribe change, grow and prosper. Thank you to those of you who do come to meetings, who are involved in our Tribe and who seek answers when you have questions." If anyone has any questions for her, or comments or suggestions, please feel free to give her a call or stop in the Enrollment Office.

Dale Schmeisser, RD, sought approval to share the data collected from the Women of Wellness Program with Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council. He indicated it would remain personally confidential and no individual's personal data would be identified or shared. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to share the results from the Women Of Wellness program with GLITC, who wish to publish results, and for Dale Schmeisser to be authorized to share the results at the IHS meeting to be held in Portland, supported by Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, ten supported, 0 opposed, one abstained (M. LaFerner Sr.), motion carried.**

Larry Denomie brought forth a request to amend the Tribal Court's jail fees motion. Current motion states that fees are to be assessed for consecutive days stayed at the jail at \$35 for each of the first two days and \$10 for every night thereafter. It is proposed that when an individual is sentenced to serving weekends (which is usually due to their employment) that it be considered as consecutive days for fees assessed on them. **Motion by Larry Denomie to amend the original motion regarding jail fees assessed to include individuals who are serving weekends on a sentence are to be considered as consecutive days in regards to the fees assessed, retroactive to 10/25/07, supported by Jennifer Misegan, ten supported, 0 opposed, one abstained (Dakota), motion carried.**

Eddy Edwards of Ojibwa Housing Authority (OHA) requested approval of the Council to submit to HUD the FY2008 Indian Housing Plan—Housing's Block Grant. It is a document/budget of how OHA plans to appropriate the dollars they are awarded in the Block Grant. **Motion by Fred Dakota to authorize the Tribal President to sign the OHA's 2008 Indian Housing Plan Block Grant as submitted, supported by William "Gene" Em-**

**ery , eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Mr. Edwards gave an update of some of the opportunities OHA has available to the community. One of which is the eleven mobile homes housing will be receiving from FEMA. Applications were received, reviewed and eleven individuals have been approved to receive one of the eleven units with specific conditions of having a site that has water/sewer/ electricity readily available and prepared for the delivery. These mobile homes are new two-three bedroom units that are completely furnished. The cost associated to transfer each mobile home from the South, and to bring each unit up to code (roofing), and final placement will be transferred to each of the eleven approved tribal members who will be receiving the mobile homes. In a sense, each home will cost roughly in the area of \$20,000, which the tribal member will be required to secure financing for prior to closing. Each of these individuals has been informed to contact Jason Ayres at the KBIC's realty office for available lease land. In regards to the new Bear Town Housing Division, specific grant conditions require sites be utilized for new home construction which means that manufactured homes are not acceptable on these lots. Another program that OHA is offering a low cost loan based on the federal funds rate, which is currently 2%, in which individuals may apply for home improvements. Loan applications can be requested up to \$20,000 with up to ten years for repayment at a low interest rate of 2%. Conditions include creditworthiness status and the purchases must be made from, or the contractor must be, an Indian owned business. If anyone is interested in any of these opportunities and for more information, they should contact Christine LaPointe or Natalie Mleko at OHA, 524-5514.

Chief of Police, Dale Dakota, sought approval of Resolution KB1615-2008 COPS grant. The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) have announced FY 2008 funding availability of Federally-reorganized Indian Tribes with established Tribal Police Departments, under the Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP), to address the Department of Justice's goal of assisting Tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence. TRGP grants are provided directly to Tribal law enforcement agencies for items reflecting the Tribe's most serious law enforcement needs that are not already budgeted through state, local, Tribal or BIA funding, for law enforcement training, uniforms, standard issue equipment, department-wide technology and police vehicles linked to the implementation or enhancement of community policing efforts. The KBIC Tribal Police Department is eligible to apply for TRGP funding in the Federal share amount of up to \$200,000 for community policing requests with no matching requirement. Chief Dakota indicated that he would submit the proposed budget early next week. The COPS Grant is due the week of 06-09-2008. **Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve Resolution KB-1615-2008 COPS Grant, supported by Michael LaFerner Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

A presentation on the KB Beartown Fire-fighter Program was presented in the form of a power point presentation to Council by Doreen Blaker, George DeCota and Charlie Gauthier. The program has grown quite rapidly and does employ some 30+ community members at times, who assist with fighting wildfire throughout the United States. One draw back that the program has is lack of transportation which limits their ability on being called out more often. Their crews waste a lot of time waiting for transportation. The group suggests purchasing two E350 vans and one F350 4X4 truck. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with their needs and to seek bids.



Jennifer Misegan sought approval for a direct deposit system for the Ojibwa Enterprises employees which will assist our enterprise employees with traveling for paychecks; more so in the Marquette/Harvey area. **Motion by Larry Denomie to move forward with a direct deposit system for the enterprise employees, supported by Toni Minton, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Larry Denomie requested a date be set for an Employee Grievance Hearing; which was scheduled for June 26.

Larry Denomie brought forth an EPA Grant Application for a Transfer Station Project. The grant is for one-half million with no match. Denomie stated the transfer station could be housed in the industrial park. The project would likely employ up to six community members if funded. Approval of this grant application was done by an e-mail consensus due to time constraints.

Larry Denomie asked Council to create a Tribal Energy Committee, which could include community representatives as well as community members. Council agreed to put this on the agenda for June 13.

Attorney John Baker presented an application for a new business license on behalf of Todd Chosa—Chosa Electric, LLC **Motion by Larry Denomie to approve the business license of Todd Chosa for Chosa Electric, but to talk with Todd Chosa regarding the LLC status tax issues first, supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Attorney John Baker recommended that a business license for Dan Alexander—Alexander's Fresh Fish be denied at this time due to the clause in the Ojibwa Housing lease. **Motion by Larry Denomie to deny the license for Alexander's Fresh Fish until an alternate location for the business to be housed is located due to regulations within OHA, supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., nine supported, one opposed (Matthews), one abstained (Misegan), one absent (Mayo), motion carried.**

Fred Dakota presented a letter from the Pelkie Fire Department requesting funding for a new truck. Jennifer Misegan indicated that she would call them regarding the 2% requirements and the request will be considered at the next donation meeting.

Council moved into closed business with Attorney Baker, Treasurer Misegan, President Swartz and CEO Denomie on the agenda.

After closed session **Jennifer Misegan motioned to increase the Larry Asher Emergency Fund by \$25,000, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, ten supported, one absent (Mayo), motion carried.**

**KBIC PARTICIPATES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT AND MARKET ANALYSIS**



Fred Dakota, Tribal Council member at the Opening Session of the Economic Development Conference, June 9.

facilitated by the Department of Justice (DOJ), Community Capacity Development Office and Indian Economic Development Initiatives partners. An open session held on Monday morning, June 9, explained the purpose of the Economic Development Assessment and Market Analysis which became apparent that information would be gathered

The week of June 9, numerous departments, council members, committee members, and community members participated in an Economic Development Assessment and Market Analysis

and assessed to identify steps to work towards further strengthening our economic development efforts. Fred Dakota, council member, gave a history of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community at the opening session. Fred Dakota has held a seat on the Tribal Council for approximately 36 years and for many of these years he held the seat of Tribal Chairman. Dakota spoke of the three treaties which affiliate the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and he spoke particularly of the 1954 treaty which created this reservation and gave us the right to hunt and fish. The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 gave us the right to self govern; the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community formed a constitution in 1936.

The assessment team consists of Mark Roscoe of DOJ, Norena Henry of DOJ, Tracey Fisher of Oweesta, Bill Guevara of Oweesta, Kellie Jewett of Oweesta, Dr. Ted Jojola of UNM and ASU, Ed Gilliland of IEDC, Swati A. Ghosh of IEDC, and Carrie Ridgeway of IEDC, who are focusing in the areas of legal infrastructure, economic development assessment, indigenous planning and community development financial institutions. At the wrap up session held on Friday, June 13, preliminary strengths were identified as: Public Management – separation of some tribally-owned businesses from tribal government, success in several new business ventures, stable and effective tribal governance structures (staggered terms with council and judges, and judges being elected officials), tribal government undertook a strategic planning effort; Social/Community/Public Health – strong sense of community and values; small percentage of violent crime. Education/Youth – presence of tribal community college; vocational training opportunities for both youth and adult (welding); having proximity to regional universities and technical colleges. Workforce – business driven regional industrial alliance focused on improving workforce skills. Legal Infrastructure – separation of court from legislature; extent of tribal court maturity. Land/Physical Infrastructure – waterfront green space; readily available land and buildings for development in Tribal industrial park; working with EPA and USDA to restore brownfield sites along waterfront; pristine environment particularly near the waterfront; little blight in housing; maintaining older housing stock. Economy – gaming industry revenues; natural resources, lakes, etc.; competitive tax incentives on tribal land; growth in manufacturing; some resources and programs for small business development & entrepreneurship; access to university and tribal community colleges; proximity to smartzones and two incubators; wired for telecommunications. Challenges were identified as: Pubic Management – lack of separation of tribal governance and business development; strategic plan (lacks community awareness, has a weak economic development component), lack of reliable data (demographic, labor, real estate), limited linkages with other Ojibwe tribes. Land/Physical Infrastructure – no town center and identity in Baraga, scattered development throughout reservation, limited land use planning coordination (for tribal lands, between tribal lands and Village of Baraga), presence of brownfields, lack of transportation infrastructure, remote location with limited transportation access, weak linkages between land use and transportation/infrastructure planning. Social/Community/Public Health – community is concerned about prescription drugs and alcohol abuse for adults and youth, teen pregnancy, break-ins of elder's homes, lack of provisions and services for ex-offenders. Economy – high rate of unemployment; barriers in terms of business attraction is lack of commercial code; lack of marketing/branding of industrial park; limited destination attractions; limited, but increasing, cases of Tribal member owned businesses; limited mentoring opportunities for entrepreneurs; lack of financial literacy; limited communication between tribe and external entities; Casino lacks visibility from highway 41. Education/Youth – no formal relationship between Tribal College and Michigan Tech; lack of non-profit youth organizations; limited youth activities; limited youth involvement for programming. Workforce – limited participation of tribal members with local manufacturing; lack of appropriate and on-going training around staff development; brain drain; lack of management skills; job readiness issues; limited technical skills of local workforce. Legal Infrastructure – lack of commercial and corporate codes; haphazard licensing system (limited regulations or sanctions). Opportunities were identified as: Strategic plan forms a basis to coalesce; potential industries (tourism/hospitality, renewable energy/biomass (wind), destination attractions, value-added manufacturing, construction); tourism & hospitality poten-

tial (combine entertainment, dining, cultural, and recreation options with gaming destination, attraction of waterfront); reinvigorate Ojibwe history and culture awareness in business development; trade & tourism opportunities with Canada; basis to expand trade network among Great Lakes Tribes; higher fuel prices leading to greater reliance on ship and rail; more youth participation; industrial land in Marquette; financial literacy training; technical assistance resources for small business development; management training for all Tribal members; distance learning /online courses at tribal community college. Threats identified were: national economy and rising gas prices – could affect tourism; potential for receding lake; long term viability of gaming as economic development strategy; young people are drawn away from reservation; regulatory delays by BIA on trust status for airport property; aging demographics; environmental pollution by potential mining operations; further reduction in fishing supply.

The assessment team will continue with the data collection and analysis. The recommendations will be presented by the team on August 14.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS**  
**NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA**  
(Effective October 1, 2007)

	<u>48 Contiguous United States</u>	<u>Alaska</u>
<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limits</u>	<u>Income Limits</u>
1	\$ 985	\$1,294
2	\$1,275	\$1,656
3	\$1,565	\$2,019
4	\$1,864	\$2,381
5	\$2,178	\$2,744
6	\$2,492	\$3,116
7	\$2,782	\$3,479
8	\$3,072	\$3,841
Each additional member	+ \$290	+ \$363

**Computation of Income Eligibility Standards** — The income eligibility limits for each household size are based on the sum of the Food Stamp Program net monthly income limits and standard deduction amounts used for the appropriate State.

**Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)**

**Dependant Care Deduction** — The current maximum allowable dependent care deduction is \$200 for dependent children under two years of age, and \$175 for all other dependents.

**Earned Income Deduction** — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

**Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums** — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

**Child Support Deduction** — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

**\* Can not be on foodstamps.**

**AFDO/Seafood Alliance HACCP 3-Day Training Course**

HACCP training certification is required to obtain a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community commercial fishing license. There will be a certification course offered in Brimley, Michigan, during December 2008. Registration fee is \$90. A course agenda may be obtained at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Licensing Office or Natural Resource Department. Registration and travel costs will be paid for Keweenaw Bay Indian Community tribal members who wish to attend this training, through prior arrangement.

**Course Information**

**Date:** December 9-11, 2008  
**Times:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily  
**Location:** Bay Mills Community College – Migizi Hall, 12214 W. Lakeshore Drive  
Brimley, Michigan

**For registration please contact:**  
Ronald Kinnunen, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan State University, (906) 226-3687. For more information please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757.



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assistant coach for the men's basketball program at LSSU. After college, Gerard accepted a position with a private investigation company in Grand Rapids, working on insurance fraud. He then attended Northern Michigan University Regional Police Academy and graduated in 2002. After graduating from the police academy, Gerard accepted a position with the Meridian Police Department where he served for five years. He was assigned to the road patrol and eventually the Community Relations/School Resource Unit. He also served as a defensive tactics instructor and hiring/background investigator for the Meridian Police Department. Chris Gerard recently accepted the Weed and Seed Coordinator position offered to him by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The Weed and Seed Program, a community based strategy sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice is an innovative, comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization. The strategy involves a two pronged approach: law enforcement agencies and prosecutors who cooperate in "weeding out" violent criminals and drug abusers and public agencies and community based private organizations collaborate to "seed" much needed human services, prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood restoration programs.

At the conclusion of the evenings event, Terri Denomie presented the scholarship awards for 2008. The KBIC Education Department offers two \$1000 Scholarship for their graduates. This year the Baraga Scholarship was awarded to Courtney Swartz, and the L'Anse Scholarship was awarded to Jessica Picard. The Dawn Louise Denomie Memorial Scholarship, on behalf of the Denomie family, was awarded to Clarissa Duschaine.

Members of the Keweenaw Bay Education Committee are: Terri Denomie (Chairman), Lynn Haataja (Vice Chairman), William Seppanen Sr. (Secretary), Dawn Alexander, Vicki Emery, Charles Loonsfoot Jr., and Robin Roe. Tribal Education staff are: Amy St. Arnold (Education Director), Peggy Dunn (L'Anse Tutor), Helen Jondreau (Baraga Tutor), Beth Dix (L'Anse Tutor), Mike Duschene (Baraga Tutor), Ty Curtis (Baraga Tutor). (Continues next column)



Agatha Cardinal (right), Title IV, Baraga's Native American Home/School Coordinator, was honored for her 12 years of service at this year's banquet. Mrs. Cardinal retired at the end of this school year. Terri Denomie (left) Tribal Education Committee Chairman presented Agatha with a Certificate/gift.



Ronald Spruce, Vice President of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens presents graduates with certificates/gifts on behalf of the Ojibwa Seniors.



(Left to right) Cody Blue, Diane Charron and Toni Minton presents graduates with certificates/gifts on behalf of the KBIC Cultural Committee.

**KBIC YOUTH SOCCER STARTS JULY 12 and will be held on Saturdays from 10-noon at the field outside the College. It's for kids of all ages in the area that are interested to learn and play soccer. We requiring a \$5 fee for T-shirts. There is a sign up sheet at the Niiwin-Akeaa Center, near the Youth Director's office. Please call Coach Jerry Jondreau at 353-8894 or Youth Director Tyler Larson at 353-4643.**



(Left to right) Robin Roe, L'Anse Scholarship recipient—Jessica Picard, Baraga Scholarship recipient—Courtney Swartz, and Terri Denomie.



(Left to right) On behalf of the Denomie Family, Lauri Denomie, Clarissa Duschaine (Dawn Louise Denomie Memorial Scholarship recipient) and Terri Denomie.

### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES! Baraga Area Schools



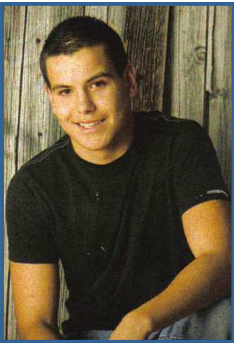
**CLARISSA DUSCHAI**NE— is the daughter of Darlene and Robert Duschaine. While in high school, she was on the Honor Roll numerous times and participated in the following activities: Yearbook for three years; Student Council, High School Bowl, High-Five Mentoring, and Camp Nesbitt counselor each for one year. She was a Daily Mining Gazette Student of the Week. She is currently working for the BHK Great Explorations after-school program. Her interests include bowling, movies, scrapbooking and being with friends. She will be attending Lake Superior State University this fall majoring in Elementary Education.



**ZACHARY GOUGEON** — is the son of Dianne Gougeon. While in high school he completed four years of football and golf; coached Flag football for two years and participated in the Adopt-A-Highway Program with the Baraga football team. He also maintained a 3.00 grade point average. He has been employed with the KBIC Summer Youth Program for several years. His interests include fishing, golfing, and spending time with friends and family. He will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall and is undecided on his major at this time.



**COURTNEY SWARTZ** — is the daughter of Julie Maki and Lawrence Swartz. She has been on the Honor Roll and received an academic letter in her senior year. She participated in the High Five Mentoring Program, yearbook, student council, basketball, Leadership and Resilience Program and was a Daily Mining Gazette student of the week. She was selected to attend the American Indian Science and Engineering Conference. At graduation, she won the first Administrator's Award of Merit. She is currently working at Bayshore BP. Her interests include hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and four-wheeling. She plans on attending Western Michigan University this fall majoring in pre-med.



**CHRISTOPHER LOONS-FOOT**— is the son of Angela Loonsfoot and Alden Connor Jr. He has been employed by Ojibwa Builders since February and will continue working there until he goes to college. His hobbies include baseball, basketball, lifting weights, tinting windows and spending time with friends and family. He will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall majoring in Building Technology.



**ALEXANDER TILSON** — is the son of Allison Hiettiko and Tim Tilson. He has been on the Honor Roll throughout high school and received the Tribal Perfect Attendance award numerous times. He received an academic letter and an award for perfect attendance from his principal. His artwork has been selected to appear in local art shows.

Along with another student, he completely redesigned the Baraga Area Schools website. His interests include drawing, reading, computers, movies and music. He plans to work this summer and will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall. He is interested in Art and Computers and may try for a career in one of those fields.

### L'Anse Area Schools



**MITCHELL DURANT** — is the son of Peggy Dunn and Leo Durant. He participated in Middle School Art Club, Band for five years, High Five Mentoring and was a Teacher's Aid. He has worked for the KBIC Summer Youth Work Program. His hobbies are video games and music. He plans to seek employment and to attend college sometime in the future.



**JAREN FORCIA** — is the son of Colleen Morin and Leslie Forcia. During his school years, he participated in JV Basketball and Football. He was a member of the KBIC Youth Club and the Rez Runners basketball team. He has worked for the KBIC Summer Youth program. His interests are fishing and hunting. He plans to look for work after graduation.



**JOSEPH JOSSENS** — is the son of Mary Lou Jossens. His extra-curricular activities included JV and Varsity Basketball and JV and Varsity football. He was a member of the KBIC Youth Club and the Rez Runners basketball team. He has been employed by the KBIC Summer Youth Program, and his hobbies are basketball and listening to music. His future plans are undecided at this time.



**STACEY ROLOF** — is the daughter of Jean Swartz and Bill Rolof. She previously attended school in Glen Carbon, Illinois, where she consistently placed on the Honor Roll. In L'Anse, her favorite classes were English and Economics. During high school, she continued to earn Honor Roll status many times. Stacey is currently employed at Pat's IGA. She will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall but has not decided what her major will be at this time.





**JESSICA PICARD** — is the daughter of Rose Picard and Rodney Rajacic. Her school activities included basketball, golf, teacher's aide and High Five Mentoring. She has had Perfect Attendance and has been on the Honor Roll numerous times. She was one of a few students selected to be a Copper County Teen, and she was chosen to attend the American Indian Science and Engineering Conference held in Phoenix, Arizona. She worked for the KBIC Summer Youth Program for four years and was placed at KBIC Daycare, the Pow-Wow grounds, Linna's, and the Tribal Accounting Department. Her hobbies are hunting, fishing, golfing, softball and going to the beach with her family. Her future plans are to attend Northern Michigan University to become a veterinarian.

**L'Anse/Baraga  
Community Schools**

**CHEYENNE CREBESSA** – is the daughter of Sandy and Jerry Crebessa. In high school she participated in volleyball for 3 years and was on the Honor Roll. Her hobbies include swimming, hunting and being with friends. She also enjoys after school activities such as 4-H and the Finlandia University Upward Bound Program. After graduation she plans to attend Northern Michigan University and major in pre-law. Post college she will begin her journey and her dream of becoming a District Attorney.



**GEORGE GAUTHIER** — is the son of Joan and Leroy Gauthier. He has six children – Justin, Jamie, Leroy, Rebecca, Kyle and Tristan. He works for Drift and Sons Contracting. He enjoys spending time with his children, family and friends and going to contest and traditional pow-wows. When he travels, he sings for the Little Otter Singers and at home his drum group is the Woodland Singers. His plans are to continue working and to watch his children grow, learn and live life.



**CHARLOTTE LOONS-FOOT**— is the daughter of Dawn and Dan Alexander. She participated in the Child Care Program at BHK and volunteered for fundraisers for this program. Her interests include reading, computers and outdoor activities. She worked for the KBIC Summer Youth Program for three years and was placed at the Youth Center, Ojibwa Housing and Ojibwa Community College. She plans to attend Northern Michigan University and is considering majoring in Criminal Justice.



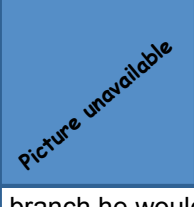
**OLIVIA RAJACIC** — is the daughter of Bonnie Huhtasaari and Greg Geroux. She is also the wife of Robert Rajacic and mother of Addyson Rajacic. She attended L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools and was on the Honor Roll. Olivia will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall, majoring in Pre-Law. After graduation, she plans to attend law school and work as a criminal attorney.



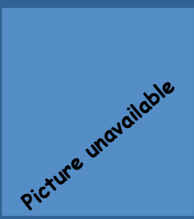
**TRAVIS RAJACIC** — is the son of Darlene Genschow and Alan Rajacic. His interests include basketball and working on cars and houses. He plans to seek employment for a year and then move to Marquette in order to attend college. He would like to study auto service technology and car repair.



**SHEENA FRIISVALL** — is the daughter of Dianne Waara and Dale Friisvall. She attended L'Anse-Baraga Alternative School for two years. She enjoys spending time with her nieces and nephews and the outdoors. Her future plans are to attend classes at Ojibwa Community College this fall and to pursue her dream to become a massage therapist.



**TOM PAQUIN** — is the son of Pamela Loonsfoot and Thomas Paquin, Sr. He currently resides in Baraga. He plans to enlist in the armed services after graduation but has not decided which branch he would like to enter.



**LORYSSA WIIDEMAN** — is the daughter of Janet Franti and Edward Wiideman. While in school she participated in volleyball. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She was employed by the KBIC Summer Youth Program and was placed at Ojibwa Community College. She plans on attending college and will major in cosmetology.

**KIRKISH SELECTED FOR MICUP**



The Michigan Technological University's MICUP (Michigan College and University Partnerships) program was designed to assist community college students transfer to four-year institutions to earn baccalaureate degrees. MICUP is a seven-week summer program that addresses the opportunities and challenges faced by bachelor degree-seeking students. This year, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College student Gerald (Joe) Kirkish has been selected as one of the participants for the MICUP program. Joe is currently enrolled in a three credit hour MTU course which includes an undergraduate research internship. Joe's research project involves developing a natural wood stain out of fungus for commercial use. KBOCC would like to congratulate Joe Kirkish on his innovative project and achievements in the MICUP program.

**AABINOOJIIYENS**

Introducing Anung Tilson, born 05/18/2008, to Summer Cohen and Tim Tilson. Anung was 9 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 ½ inches at birth.



The Education Department is pleased to announce the following five KBIC college graduates for the 2007-08 academic year:

- Danielle Arens, Certificate, Gogebic Community College, LPN
- Amy Monville, Associate in Arts Degree, Alpena Community College, Business
- Elizabeth Jaukkuri, Bachelor of Arts Degree, Finlandia University, Human Services
- Tyler Larson, Bachelor of Science Degree, Northern Michigan University, Criminal Justice
- Peter Shelafae, Bachelor of Social Work Degree, Northern Michigan University



Congratulations to all of our graduates. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!

**DAKOTA NEW DEAN  
OF STUDENT SERVICES**

Cherie Dakota began working for Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College on May 12<sup>th</sup> as the Dean of Student Services. "In the past, the responsibilities of Student



Services have been incorporated into a few different job descriptions at KBOCC. As Dean of Student Services, I will be coordinating and developing the Student Services department a bit more." Services include: student advising and counseling; assisting with career interest surveys and job searches; providing assistance to alleviate barriers to class attendance; promoting involvement in and supporting student government and student organizations; setting up and providing tutoring; teaching study skills; setting up partnerships with other educational institutions; etc.

As Dean of Student Services, Dakota will also oversee recruitment, admissions, enrollment, financial aid, and student organizations. "We're planning on attending many of the summer events in Baraga County and surrounding counties to get the KBOCC name out there and inform people of what courses and programs are available right now, so stop by the college booth & see us. The fall 2008 class schedule is already out. If you don't get a chance to see us at an event, please feel free to contact me @ (906) 353-4628 or at [cda-kota@kbocc.org](mailto:cda-kota@kbocc.org). You can also visit the college website at [www.kbocc.org](http://www.kbocc.org), or stop in at the main building for more information."

**KBIC EVEN START**

**Family Literacy Program  
ENROLL NOW!**

*Earn your GED or  
High School Diploma*

**Early Childhood Programs for children  
Improve parenting skills  
Incentives for participation  
Transportation and childcare available**

Even Start is **free** to all Tribal and Non-Tribal members in Baraga County who are expecting a baby or have children under the age of eight.

**Call 353-8161 to register**

**KBIC EVEN START  
755 Michigan Avenue—Baraga, MI 49908**





# 30th Annual Keweenaw Bay

July 25 - 27, 2008

## Maawanji'iding To Honor our Public Service Providers

Ojibwa Campground ♦ Baraga, Michigan



Host Drum:

**Buffalo Horse**

Ojibwa, Minnesota

Head Veteran Dancer: **Jim St. Arnold** - Ojibwa

Head Female Dancer:

**Rebecca Genschow**

KBIC Ojibwa

Co-Host:

**Four Thunders**

KBIC Ojibwa

Head Male Dancer:

**Lester Drift Memorial**

Ojibwa

KBIC Princess: To be **Announced** the evening of July 25th

Youth Head Dancers:

**Alden Connor Jr.**, Boise Forte, Ojibwa

**Vanessa Beaver**, KBIC, Ojibwa

Master of Ceremonies:

**Ted Holappa**, KBIC Ojibwa

**Richard (Waubano) Awanohopay**, Lac Du Flambeau Ojibwa

Arena Director: **Stan Spruce**, KBIC Ojibwa

Asst. Arena Director: **Robert Rajacic**, KBIC Ojibwa

Specials Arena Director: **George Gauthier**, KBIC Ojibwa

### Special Events

#### Thursday:

Lighting of the Sacred Fire  
Grounds Blessing & Feast  
Basket Weaving  
Storytelling

#### Friday:

Basket Weaving  
Storytelling  
Princess Crowning  
Honor Elders Special

#### Saturday:

Fry Bread Championship  
Head Dancer Special  
Youth 2-Step Championship  
Midnight 2-Step Championship  
Drum Challenge  
Veterans Special  
Feast

#### Sunday:

Give away

### Grand Entries:

**Friday - 7 pm Saturday - NOON & 7 pm Sunday - NOON**

**\$14,000 dollar drum-split-NO DRUM HOPPERS-Dancers paid daily**

Admission: \$5.00

(5 and under free)

**Illegal Drugs, Alcohol  
& Weapons  
Prohibited**

Free Camping at the Ojibwa Campground with  
Purchase of admission

*Does not include Marina or Sand Point*

**ANIMALS must be on a leash at all**

General Inquires Contact:

Marty Curtis, 906-524-4411

[ndtemcc@up.net](mailto:ndtemcc@up.net)

Artist & Vendor Info. Contact:

Tracy Emery, 906-353-7117

[temery04@hotmail.com](mailto:temery04@hotmail.com)

***A Family Event open to the public: Everyone is Invited!***

### FISHING/CAMPING WEEK AT PRE-PRIMARY



The week of June 9<sup>th</sup> Pre-Primary children participated in Fishing/Camping Week. We started out the week by setting up a tent for outside play with the children enjoying a snack of trail mix. The children enjoyed a field trip on Thursday to the lake where we made our own fishing poles and had a blast casting them into the water. Another field trip was held on Friday where nine children along with teachers Amber Houston, Nissa Morningstar, Becky Genschow and Lisa Denomie, and our two summer youth workers, Bethanne Cadeau and Angelica Bogda, traveled to the fish hatchery

in Pequaming. The Pre-Primary staff wish to thank the fish hatchery staff for doing a great job and showing our children and staff around.

Pre-Primary's summer is definitely going to be fun filled. A planting/gardening week is scheduled with a field trip to the KBIC Medical Center where their staff will be planting vegetables with us. Another fun event will be Fire Safety Week where the children will visit a local fire station and learn about safety around fire and fireworks.

### OJIBWA COMMUNITY LIBRARY—

In June, I had the opportunity to attend the Tribal College Library Institute in Bozeman, Montana. The Institute is held every year on the Campus of Montana State University. Montana State is the only University to offer a Masters degree in Native American Studies. This year the focus of the Institute was on Language; the United Nations declared 2008 as the Year of Languages. There were 43 colleges and universities represented from the United States and Canada. One of the guest speakers was Dr. Lorie Roy from Austin, Texas. Lorie is presently the President of the American Library Association (ALA). What made her visit so special to our group is she is an enrolled member of the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota and the first Native American to be elected President of ALA. She stands strong as an indigenous person, incorporating her cultural grounding as an Anishinabe woman. She is a professor in the School of Information at the University of Texas, Austin. A reminder: Our large print collection continues to grow. Stop in and check it out. The library has a DVD called THE TRUTH ABOUT CANCER. It was donated by the American Library Association.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

### 2008 Michigan Native Vote Kick-Off

In 2004 Native Vote was spearheaded by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). This was a groundbreaking non-partisan campaign to register and turn out a record number of American Indian and Alaskan Native voters. The culmination of the Native Vote efforts in 2004 and 2006 was a resounding success for tribal governments nationwide. It empowered Native voters and raised the profile of Native issues in the eyes of politicians. It was a historic moment for all of Indian Country. Native voters proved that we can make our voices heard with the power of the vote.

For the 2008 General Election the (NCAI) Native Vote Michigan State Lead, Su Lantz and our team of Tribal Coordinators kicked off the Michigan 2008 Native Vote Initiative with a conference call that took place on April 17, 2008. We have a very supportive team comprised of a Tribal Coordinator from each of the twelve (12) federally recognized Indian tribes in Michigan as well as a State Lead to coordinate their efforts and ideas. The infrastructure of the Native Vote Michigan Tribal Coordinators Team will prove to only breed success. Coordinator for KBIC is Carole La-Pointe, Health Director.

The Team will focus on Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) efforts and provide a plan for a Native Vote Election Protection Project (NV-EPP). We will target every level of potential voters including the youth and first time voters, sporadic voters, Elders and those needing transportation, education and assistance. We will pay particular attention to voters with special needs such as in holding mock elections for training, or assistance with absentee voting for shut-ins.

If you are not a registered voter in Michigan and will be eligible to vote on November 4, 2008, you need to register by October 6, 2008. Watch for more information in the next issue on how and where to register. Our Team is here to help. We will have voter registration forms available and someone to assist you. You can also access information on voting by visiting [www.nativevote.org](http://www.nativevote.org) and clicking on your state.

Let's Get-Out-The-Vote and let our Native American voices be heard!

### TRIBAL MEMBERS EARN EMT CERTIFICATES



The following Keweenaw Bay Tribal Members earned the EMT Certificates on May 31, 2008. Lori LaFernier (left), Jody Joki (center), Tim Gauthier (right), missing from photo — Tom Chosa, Ron Hueckstadt and Gerald Cadeau. Their EMT training began January 7, 2008, with classes being held every Monday and Wednesday evenings, and some Saturdays. Besides classroom instruction, hands on experience included 20 hours of Ambulance runs and 20 hours of clinical experience at BCMH's Emergency room. After passing a final written test and a practical exam, the students received their diplomas at a graduation ceremony held on May 31, 2008. The EMT Certificate enables each individual to take the State Exam.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...

**Call Tina Durant @ (906) 353-2626 at  
the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.**

*She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.*







## NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

### The National Congress of American Indians Resolution #REN-08-036

**TITLE:** Support for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of its Opposition to the Proposed Sulfide Metallic Mineral Mine Proposed by Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company (KEMC), in the Traditional Lands of the Community which were Ceded to the Government through the Treaty of 1842.

**WHEREAS**, we, the members of the National Congress of American Indians of the United States, involving the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and Constitution of the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural vales, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the mine, proposed by the Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company (KEMC), is in the traditional lands of the Community which were ceded to the government through the Treaty of 1842; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan has enacted the Non-ferrous Metallic Mineral Act and Rules to govern the mining of sulfide minerals. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community strongly feels that the State has followed neither the letter nor the intent of this Michigan mining law when it issued the permits necessary to proceed with mining to Kennecott. As a result, the Community has invested heavily in technical experts to review the mining company's Mining Permit Application and has entered into legal action against the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for improperly issuing mining permits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community feels that the State of Michigan is setting a dangerous precedent by issuing permits based on Kennecott applications containing literally hundreds of technical mistakes, poor and missing analyses, missing data and unsubstantiated assumptions and conclusions. Because of the very disastrous effect acid mine drainage is known to have on all living things, the potential damage to our water, air and sacred lands is very significant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake Superior Bands of Chippewa share common lands and culture. It is now apparent that many Ojibwa also share common geology in the ancient rocks found in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, northern Wisconsin and northeast Minnesota which contain the abundant metallic minerals. In this regard, the Lake Superior bands of Ojibwa share a common cause in protecting our ceded territories, reservations and all reserved treaty rights threatened by actual and potential mining projects; and

**WHEREAS**, preservation of our land, our culture and our way of life rely on us to act now as guardians for the next seven generations to address the inadequacy of current laws and administrative policies pertaining to protection of sacred lands.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NCAI does hereby support the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and their efforts to stop the proposed sulfide metallic mineral mine that will be located on the Yellow Dog Plains in Marquette County Michigan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall be the policy of NCAI until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the General Assembly at the 2008 Mid-Year Session of the National Congress of American Indians, held at John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel and Casino in Reno, Nevada, on June 1-4, 2008, with a quorum present.

(Signed) **President Joe A. Garica**

## MORNINGSTAR/DOWD EARN CDA

Nissa Morningstar (left) and Kelly Dowd (right) have both been awarded their Child Development Associate (CDA). This credential, awarded by the Council of Professional Recognition in Washington DC, is a testimony of demonstrated competency in working with young children and their families. In addition, both have demonstrated their ability to work with children to help develop their physical and intellectual capabilities in a safe and health learning environment. Dowd and Morningstar are employees of the KBIC Pre-Primary Education Program and are PROUD to have reached this goal to better themselves in working with the children. Mary Deline, CDA Advisor, aided them both in achieving this award. Both admit, "It's been a long road and we finally achieve our goal!" Both ladies plan to continue their education and continue working with children.



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# New Employees



her two sons, Logan (12) and Grayson (9), and their miniature Dachshund, Uno.

**Robin Roe** — was hired as the Administrative Assistant for the KBIC Office of Child Support Services. Robin is the daughter of Sandy and Jerry Swartz of L'Anse, and a 1986 graduate of L'Anse High School. She attended NMU for 1½ years and after moving downstate she attended Mid-Michigan Community College for a semester before returning to the area. Robin has been taking classes at KBOCC towards her Business Administration Degree. Robin resides in Baraga with Kerry Picciano,



**Becky Tussing** — was hired as the Associate Director for the Dept. of Health and Human Services. Becky started her work experience with KBIC/DHHS in 1994 as a student with the Univ. of Minnesota, Duluth, "Indians in Medicine" program. She graduated from the Suomi College's Nursing program in 1998. Becky worked part time on the Cardiac Unit at MGH before she accepted a full time position in the KBIC Medical Clinic in 1998. She was promoted to Lead RN for the Medical Clinic in 2003. Becky states, "I am pleased to

continue to serve KBIC/DHHS as the new Associate Director. I will miss the patient contact I had working in the clinic but have always wanted to be able to work in Health Administration. I am hoping to continue to work on expanding health services to our community and conserving Indian Health Service funding." Becky lives in Chassell, with her husband, Paul, who is a Residential Unit Manager with the Michigan Department of Corrections, and their two children, Zakkary age seven and Lexus age four.



Left to right — **Cody Blue, Nancy Voakes, and Kim Klopstein** are the Supervisors for this year's Summer Youth Program.

**Cody Blue** is the daughter of Peggy Minton of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Brad Blue of Red Lake, MN. Cody is a 2006 graduate of L'Anse High School and has attended NMU for two years, majoring in social work. Her plans include returning to NMU and working towards completing her goals.

This is Cody's first year as a Summer Youth Supervisor and she hopes to get as much experience working with youth as she can. During the previous school year, Cody worked as the elementary Ojibwe bilingual teacher, and her future plans are to pursue a career working with children in our Native Community. Cody states, "I love my Community and want to contribute to its great successes and achievements for the generations to come. I am looking forward to a fun summer with the kids and am enjoying getting to know them."

**Nancy Voakes**, KBIC member, recently returned home from traveling across the country. This is Nancy's third summer employed as a Summer Youth Supervisor. Nancy states, "I am glad to be back working as a Summer Youth Supervisor. I love the position and enjoy working with the youth. It's a great feeling to have when helping the youth enter the job force. Hopefully this summer will be just as enjoyable as the past two summers."

**Kim Klopstein**, KBIC member, is the daughter of Agnes Hueckstaedt (Totsie). Kim lives in Baraga and has two children, Jeff who is 19 and Jennifer who is 17. Kim states she, "enjoys spending time with family and friends, fishing and a good night of racing at Adventure Mountain Speedway. I applied for the Summer Youth Supervisor position because I enjoy working with our youth. I look forward to spending a great summer with them."

The Summer Youth Program is under the direction of JoDene Rasanen, who is employed as the Summer Youth Program Director; a seasonable permanent position.



**Tyler Larson** — was hired as the Youth Coordinator. Tyler, a KBIC member, graduated in 2003 from Calumet High School. He recently graduated in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from NMU. While attending college he was also a member of the NMU football team. Larson served as captain for two seasons and was a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) for two years as well. Tyler states, "I enjoy being around kids and hope to provide them with the opportunity to have fun and be successful. With my time off, I like spending it with my daughter, working out and being outdoors enjoying the seasons."



## July 2008 Calendars Events

July 4 — Government offices closed for 4th of July holiday.  
 July 12 — Saturday's Council Meeting 9 am.  
 July 12 — KBIC Youth Soccer begins, 10 am.  
 July 14-17 — Zeba Indian Mission Campgrounds Vacation Bible Camp.  
 July 18 — Big Kid Dance at OCC, 7pm—12pm.  
 July 25-27, 2008 — 30th Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding.  
 July 27— Parent's Day.

**National Parents Day** is a special day to honor your mother and father. It is a time to celebrate the family structure and family values. The family unit is an important structure for the health of children, and the nation. That structure, and those values, are established and nurtured by your parents. Parents Day is not a day for gift giving as in Mother's Day and Father's Day. The best way to celebrate Parents Day is to spend time with your parents doing some fun family activity. Let your parents know how much they are loved and appreciated!



Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-day event listings, visit [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com) and click on calendar. For Youth events, please contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

**NOTICE:** If there are no volunteers available for Open Gym, it will be cancelled. No youth allowed in the gym unattended! **Volunteers needed!** Youth calendar events @ [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com), click on youth club.

**13th Annual vacation bible school**  
 Led by the Ann Arbor First United Methodist Youth  
 at the  
**Zeba Indian Mission Campgrounds**  
 For children ages 5 and up

**SNACKS** **GAMES** **SONGS** **CRAFTS** **STORIES**

Monday–Thursday  
 July 14-17 9:30–Noon

### ZEBA INDIAN MISSION— UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Beginning July 13  
 — Join us for Worship at the Zeba Campgrounds at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Vacation Bible School — Zeba Campgrounds July 14-17, 9:30 a.m. — noon.

Annual Camp Meeting — “Worship in the Outdoors” at the Campgrounds August 3-8, 7:00 p.m. Special Music/Speakers.

Women's Prayer Breakfast — Zeba Campgrounds, August 9, 10:00 a.m.



### Anishinaabe Anokii

First People's Work Center



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

**Anishinaabe Anokii services include:**

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
- “Indianpreneur” Business Development Program

8:00 am-4:30 pm

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Timothy W. Shanahan,  
 Business Counselor

Tina Durant,  
 Services Coordinator



## Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

**Mission:** To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

### Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Beartown Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve member's financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve member's ability to maintain their homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
  3. Business expansion/start-up expenses;
  4. Home repair for member-owned homes;
  5. Credit repair for homeownership; and
  6. Vehicle purchase for work/school.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best- providing tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders construction company- providing tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals - five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs.

### MORE NEWS FROM OJIBWA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Ojibwa Housing Authority (OHA) has been busy with many new projects. One of the biggest new projects taken on by the OHA is the creation of a new non profit corporation. We have incorporated, under tribal law, a new non profit corporation called the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing & Community Development Corporation (KBOHCDC). This non profit corporation will be mainly responsible for accessing additional grant sources in order to improve the self sufficiency of our tribal members. The KBOHCDC currently is operating our Individual Development Account (IDA) program, our low cost home improvement loan program, and our financial literacy trainings. The IDA program is a great program to increase the assets of our tenants and tribal members. The program allows participants to select one of six asset goals to save money for. As participants save money, the KBOHCDC matches \$4 for every \$1 saved by the participant. The asset goals include down payment monies for home purchase, college tuition and expenses, business start up or expansion, home repair, credit repair, and vehicle purchase for travel to school or work.

Another new program, the low cost home improvement loan program, is also available to qualifying tribal members. The program allows tribal members to borrow money for their home at a very low cost. The interest rate on the home improvement loan is based on the federal funds rate, which is currently at 2%. But to get the discounted interest rate, you have to buy your materials at the Ojibwa Building Supply and use a local Indian contractor to perform the work. The purpose is to stimulate our local Indian economy. The loan limit is \$20,000 with a payback not to exceed ten years. An example might be a \$20,000 loan at 2% over ten years. At 2% you will have monthly payment of about \$184 and pay about \$2,083 in interest over the term of the loan. If you went to a local bank you might pay 7% for the loan. At 7%, you will have a monthly payment of about \$232 and pay about \$7,865 in interest over the term of the loan. Our program would have saved you over \$5,782 in interest.

We provide financial literacy training to tenants and tribal members that uses a curriculum created in collaboration with the First Nations Development Institute, Oweesta, and Fannie Mae. The curriculum is designed to remind participants that saving and budgeting are traditional native skills and that we need to pay attention to where and how we spend our money if we want to successfully manage our personal finances. In a short time, we have trained over 75 tribal members in this curriculum. Financial literacy training is also a requirement to participate in our successful IDA program.

So if you want to save for any one of the goals in our IDA program, or you want to take advantage of our low cost home improvement loan program, please contact Christine LaPointe, KBOHCDC program administrator, or Eddy Edwards, Executive Director at 524-5514.



ATTENTION:

There will be a two-day *Protect the Earth Summit* on the shores of Gichigami, August 2 and 3 in Marquette.

Events include: speakers from Ontario First Nations, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan, who are struggling to protect their land and water from metallic sulfide and uranium mining; workshops; rally; music; and more.

It is time for all of us who truly care about the U.P. to unite in protecting it.

For details call Barb at (906) 942-7325 or (toll-free) 1-877-358-9429.

See our website for updates:  
www.yellowdogsummer.wordpress.com  
and watch for posters.

WANTED

Historical Items for School/Orphanage Exhibit at Assinins in July. Photos, Art Work, News Clippings, Books, Stories/Legends, etc. All items will be returned by the end of July. Contact Cheryl (353-7795) or Mike (353-6483).

The Mleko family is having a fundraiser cookbook for Christian, the insurance company will not pay for his fingers that he needs. This is one way to earn some money. We need everyone's help. We previously asked people to submit their best recipes into this cookbook. This cookbook sells for \$10.00. Send your payment for your cookbook to:

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If you are in the L'ANSE/BARAGA area, we will figure out a local delivery plan. If you are not, please add an additional \$2.00 per book ordered, for shipping. You will receive them around the end of August or early September. We ask you to please order early.

This cookbook would be a great Christmas, Birthday, Anniversary gift for anyone. In order for this to succeed, we all need to pull together and give it 110%. Christian needs us and our support. Thanking you in advance for your help and your orders.

~ Christian Mleko's family



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
Drug Task Force

— Mission Statement —

To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of "illegal drugs" for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities.

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Our children (young and old) need us to help them lead a healthy, drug-free life. Drug and alcohol problems can be prevented and preventing them starts with us. As parents, caregivers, relatives and friends, we have a tremendous influence on the decisions our children make. Our constant communication and caring may inspire them to walk away from drugs and alcohol.

A number of national studies and published reports indicate that the intentional use of prescription drugs, such as pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, and sedatives, to get high is a growing concern-particularly among teens—in the United States and in our Communities. Next to marijuana, the most common illegal drugs teens are using to get high are prescription medications. Teens are abusing prescription drugs because they believe the myth that these drugs provide a medically safe high. The most recent research on deaths in the U.S. due to poisoning over a five-year period (1999-2004) shows that nearly all poison deaths in the country are attributed to drugs, and most drug poisonings result from the abuse of prescription and illegal drugs. (CDC 2007) The majority of teens get prescription drugs easily and for free, often from friends or relatives. Girls are more likely than boys to intentionally abuse prescription drugs to get high, and adolescents are more likely than young adults to become dependent on prescription medication.

EDUCATE—COMMUNICATE—SAFEGUARD

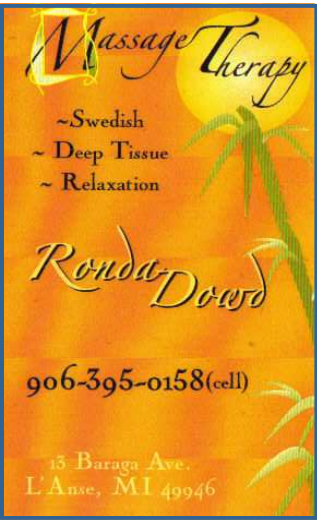
Educate yourself about medications that kids are abusing and share this information with others who are in contact with your children-school administrators, coaches, counselors, etc.

Discuss the subject with your children. See what your kids know about peers using medications without doctors' orders. Set clear expectations with your teenagers letting them know that under no circumstances should they

ever take medications without your knowledge. Kids who learn about drug risks from parents are only half as likely to start using, and kids whose parents supervise them closely are also only half as likely to start using, and kids whose parents supervise them closely are also only half as likely to develop a drug problem. Know the "who, what, why, where, when" of their activities.

Safeguard medications at home and other places: ask your healthcare provider if any medications prescribed for your family have a potential for abuse. Take an inventory of prescriptions and over the counter medications in your home. Pay attention to quantities. Keep medications out of reach and out of easily accessible places like the medicine cabinet.

We are not alone. Substance abuse and prescription drug abuse is common among teens and adults, and addiction doesn't discriminate. It cuts across race, gender, and economic lines, every region in the country, and every walk of life. Most people know someone who has struggled with addiction, and one in four teenagers is now living with an addicted parent. Take heart. More than anything, families need confidence that recovery is possible, and encouragement and information and professional support is available to heal these problems. Please review the website "The Partnership for a Drug-Free America" *Your Child Needs You!* A guide to help your child lead a healthy, drug-free life. www.drugfree.org.



The language page was designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm, and the "Indinawemaaganidog" cd by GLIFWC.



2008 Miss Keweenaw Bay Candidates



Miss Keweenaw Bay Candidates for 2008 are: Megan Tucker, Tashina Kauppila, Jessica Lane, Jennifer DeCota, Sheena Halverson. Miss Keweenaw Bay will be selected by the KBIC Powwow Committee and crowned on July 25 at the 30th Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding. More details will be available in the August issue of the Giikendaam Chiwiikwegamag.

Kid's Fishing Derby Winner



KBIC's George E. Curtis Memorial Kid's Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, June 21, 2008. Eleven-year-old Kevin Denomie of Zeba, Michigan, is pictured with the winning catch for the day. Watch for August issue of the Chiikendaam Chiwiikwegamag for more Kid's Fishing Derby details.

OJIBWEMOWIN

Abita-Niibini Giizis — Midsummer Moon — July

Word List

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Word Scramble

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